

MOB LYNCHES THREE MEN.

**NEGRO MURDERERS HANGED IN
A LOUISIANA PARISH.**

One Man Put to Death Near the Jail—The Others Taken Twenty Miles Through the Rain and Made to Fight for Half an Hour, After Which They Are Also Hanged

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 20.—There was a triple lynching in Tangipahoa, parish last night and this morning. It was not unexpected, for the three men, John Henry Johnson, George Johnson and Archie Joyner, the murderers of the Cotton family, were brought to Tangipahoa where they would be lynched. The Sheriff, therefore, after capturing the murderers, brought them to New Orleans, where they could be kept in safety. Yesterday they were taken to Amite City for trial, the authorities believing that they could preserve order.

As soon as the news of the arrival of the men became known, gangs of men dropped into town from the surrounding country. About midnight the night was rainy and stormy. Late at night a party of 150 men on horseback galloped into town, where they were joined by 250 others al-

them. It would have been dangerous, for they were all armed. They rode up to the jail, broke open the door, opened the case in which the three murderers were confined—John Johnson and Archie Joyner, charged with the Cotton murder, and Gus Williams, who killed his wife.

After a short consultation it was decided to hang Gus Williams to an oak tree near a negro church on the outer edge of the town. A rope was quickly fastened to a limb. One end was placed around Williams' neck. Williams was made to lie on his back. The rope was struck with a whip and jumped from under Williams. He died from strangulation.

It was long after midnight by this time and the mob determined to take the other two men to John Cotton's house, where the murder was

Amie, and to burn them there. It was a long and weary march in a heavy cold rain storm. The two negroes walked a part of the distance, but were soon overtaken by the mob. It was daylight when the Cotton residence was reached, and the two murderers were formally tried by the mob. Each accused the other of the crime, and the mob decided to let them fight it out. The two men fought for nearly an hour, striking and scratching each other, but without material advantage to either. Thus the mob of about 100 men, who had gathered to pursue to carry out the lynching.

At the last minute, when they saw dead Johnson and Merwin Stephens, and John and Merwin Miller, they decided to let the two negroes go. Cotton and Merwin Stephens, and Johnson and Merwin Miller, and Miss L. Miller, Miss Agnes Miller, and Miss L. Miller, were then as they were to dispose of the negroes, and some say Johnson was actually pushed in the river by the mob. The negroes were never recovered, and it was finally decided to hang them. They were strung up and their bodies were left to rot.

It was Jovner's request that he be shot to death. Jovner was 37 years old, Johnson was 35, and Merwin Stephens was 33 years old.

Montague-Smith.

Miss Beatrice Smith and Harry Everett Montague were married last night at 8 o'clock in the Second Collegiate Reformed Church, at Lenox avenue and 1134 street. The Rev. William J. Harsh, the rector, performed the ceremony. The bride walked up the aisle with her father, W. H. Smith. She wore a white satin gown, with frillings of duchesse lace. These extended up the front of the skirt on either side, and up over the butterfly sleeves. The tail veil was secured by a diamond ornament on the bridegroom's gift. Alma Montague, the little flower maiden, was in pink accordion-pleated silk, with picture hat and feathers, and carried one long-stemmed American beauty. The bridesmaids were in youth, green and white satin costume.

Miss Arline Smith, who was the sister's maid, wore a dress of green and white material.

on her big green hat, and she carried white hair
cintils. The Misses May F. Montague, and
Maude Linn were the bridesmaids. They
were arrayed in Nile green satin and big blue
picture hats, and carried argenteo-colored American
flowers. The bridegroom wore a tuxedo suit.
The brother's best man, and the Messrs. L. Milford
Smith, Joseph N. Rye, Adolph F. Leggett, and
Dr. J. H. Smith were the groomsmen. The
and the bride's attendants were pearl pink, the
souvenir gifts.

In Montie Bush.

Miss Laura Bush, daughter of Mrs. Emm.
Bush, and Alexander Claude La Monte were
married last night at the residence of Dr.
and Mrs. J. Julio Hanna, the latter the bride's
aunt, at 8 West Fortieth street. The Rev. J.
Wesley Brown, rector of St. Thomas's Church,
performed the ceremony at 9 o'clock. The
bride wore a rich ivory satin gown with trim-
ming of pure lace and carried a large bouquet
of white roses, lilies, and carnations. The

Kridel-Wallich.
The wedding of Miss Martha Wallich and Abraham M. Kridel was celebrated last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wallich, 12 East Sixty-second street. The bride, Miss Joseph Silverman of the Temple Emanuel, E. performed the ceremony. The bride was arrayed in white satin with trimming of orange blossoms, and tulle veil secured with a coronet of orange blossoms. Miss Elise Dreyfus was the flower maiden and Miss Elise Wallich the ring bearer. The bridesmaids were Miss Joseph Silverman, Miss Gertrude Wallich, sister of the bride, and Miss Gertrude Wallich and Miss Joseph, both cousins, and Miss Cora Wallich, sister of the bride. The brides-

Carter-Rice.
The wedding of Miss Marie Louise Rice and Shields Saunders Carter of Virginia took place last evening in St. Matthew's Church on West Eighty-fourth street. The Rev. Dr. H. Chambers, the rector, performed the ceremony at 6 o'clock. The bride wore a rich white silk gown with trimming of duchesse lace. The duchesse veil was secured with sprays of orchids and lilies. She carried a bouquet of white violets and lilies of the valley. Miss Charlotte Williams, the maid of honor, was attired in a white gown with a blue ribbon trimming and carried a bouquet of white roses. Mr. Carter's cousin, Edward Carter, was his best man, and Jess Hayes and Horatio D. Averil, ushers.

Miss Louise Everett and Joseph de Tom
Lenthall were married yesterday afternoon
Trinity Chapel in West Twenty-fifth street.
The Rev. William H. Vibbert, the vicar
performed the ceremony. Eugene Lenthall
attended his brother as best man. Only two
relatives of the bride and some intimate
friends witnessed the marriage. There was
reception. The bridegroom is a son of the late
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lenthall, and the bride
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith
Croton Falls, N. Y.

Alkox-Coffax.

The wedding of Miss Edith Whitman Coffax
and William Benford Alkox took place recent
day at the residence of the bride's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Coffax, 9 East
Seventy-seventh street. Owing to the
illness all invitations were recalled and attend-
ants dispensed with. The ceremony was

August—Kessel.
Miss Tassie Kessel and George J. Angant were married last evening at Delmonico's. The ceremony was performed at 6 o'clock in the room by the Rev. Stephen S. Wise of the Madison Avenue Temple. The bride wore a superb gown of white satin, with point lace, orange blossoms, and diamond ornaments. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kessel, 21 East Ninety-third street.